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New lots for sale?

106-home development in the works at Haliburton and Percy Lakes

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

More than 100 cottage-like homes are being planned on Percy Lake and Haliburton Lake.

At a Dysart et al council meeting on February 4, members of the two lake associations were on hand to hear what they thought was part of the application process for the development. However, the meeting was merely for information.

Forty-one of the new lots are on Haliburton Lake while 65 are on Percy Lake. The property is owned by Greif Bros. Inc., a global packaging company that once used the land for timber rights.

Paul Metcalfe and Christine Collins of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association told council that a poll of its members indicated that approximately half were against the proposal. However, no further details from the association were not available after the meeting.

Ken Loney of the Percy Lake Ratepayers Association first heard about the proposal a year and a half ago and unlike mem-

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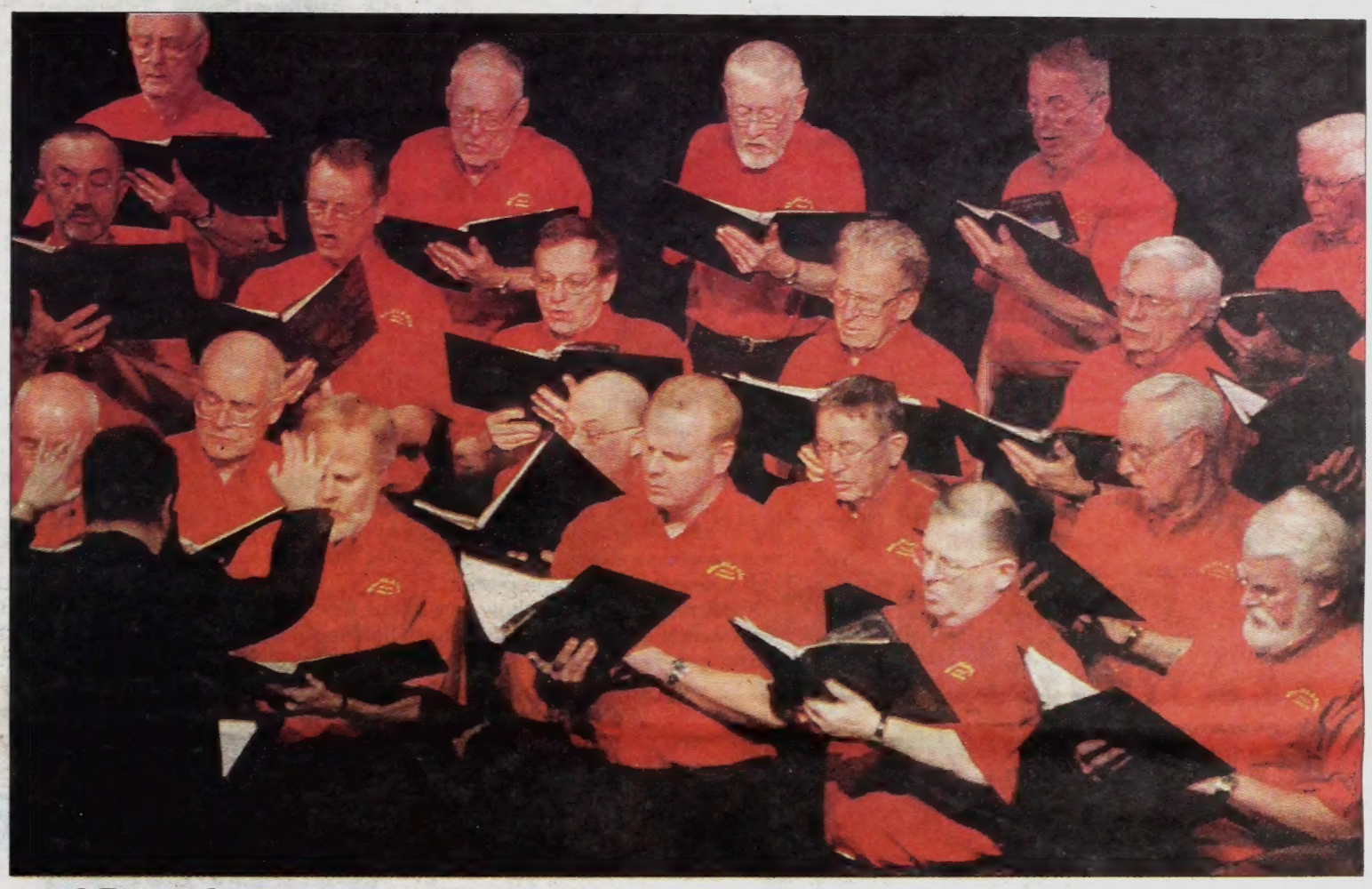

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Encore! Encore!

The Highlands Male Chorus presented their Winter Encore at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Sunday Feb. 10 to a full house. Under the direction of Melissa Stephens with Betty Mills on the piano, the Male Chorus presented 19 songs including Candle on the Water, Prayer of the Children, Amazing Grace and What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor. The show was in memory of the late Dick Thompson.

Wilberforce man jailed two years for fatal crash

JASON BAIN
Special to The Echo

Eric Switzer's expression remained stoic as he learned that he would spend the next two years in jail for causing the speed- and alcohol-fueled crash that killed his wife-to-be and seriously injured three others in 2006.

Appearing for sentencing in Lindsay court before Justice Rhys Morgan on Monday, the 39-year-old Wilberforce man was given a prison term of two years less a day for dangerous driving causing death and exceeding the legal blood alcohol limit, a charge he pled guilty to on Sept. 10, 2007.

Switzer's fiancée, 24-year-old Melissa Ashe, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on Highway 118 near Loves Road just east of Tory Hill on June 30, 2006. The Wilberforce-area resident was a passenger in the 1992 Buick Regal that Switzer was driving westbound.

It was around 9 p.m. when Switzer hit the soft shoulder of the road before the vehicle swerved back onto the provincial highway, court heard. He then struck a utility trailer being towed by an eastbound vehicle before colliding head-on with a 2001 Ford Windstar that had also been heading east.

A passenger in the back of the Buick and the two occupants of the Ford suffered "life-altering injuries," Morgan told court, having read through several victim impact statements. Switzer was airlifted to a Toronto hospital with serious injuries while the others were taken to Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Blood samples taken three hours after the crash showed Switzer had between 120 and 175 mgs of alcohol in his system - twice the legal limit - at the time of the crash.

Crown attorney Rick Bagg asked Switzer be sentenced to three years in jail and be given a five-year licence suspension, stating in his submissions that "Accidents don't just happen, they are caused."

Defence counsel Tim Johnson asked for a jail sentence of two

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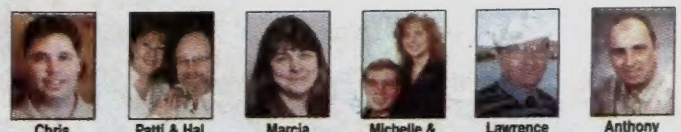

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Community invited to use *Echo's* website as a portal to the world

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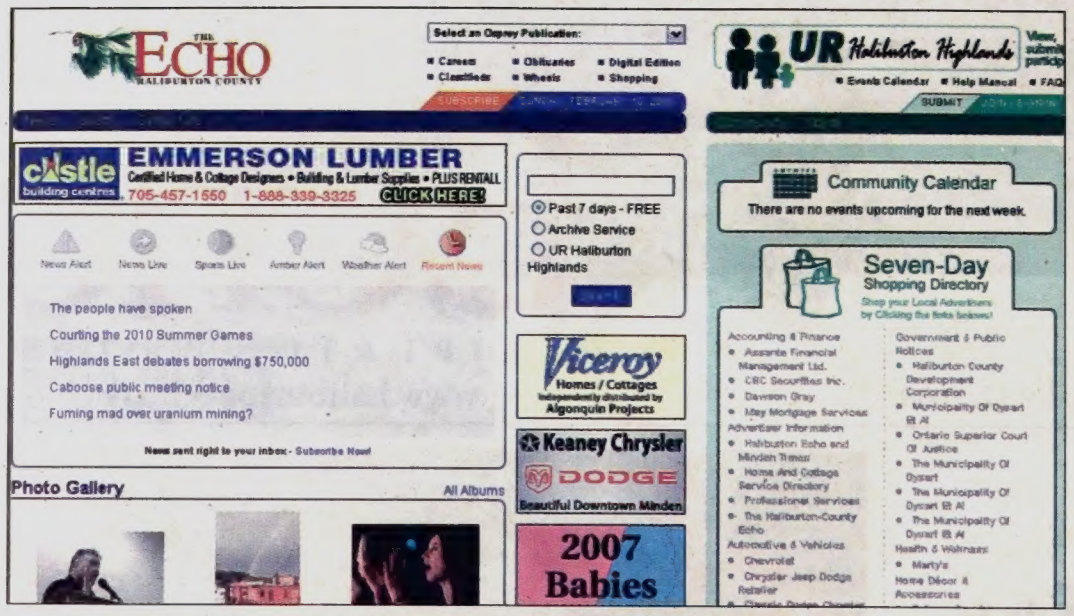

See the part of the *Echo's* new website that's green? That's where you can post notices of your group's or organization's upcoming events. You can also post photos in our new photo gallery. The website guides you through the process of becoming part of UR Haliburton.

Yes, it's true, our new and improved website is finally up and running!

Last week both the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* launched brand new websites that finally bring us up to speed with the tech-savvy world of the 21st Century.

Those of you who have visited the sites already will have noticed that we kept all of the same features as our old site, but have added some new and exciting features that we are eager to make use of in the coming weeks and months.

For one, we are happy to finally have the capabilities to post photo galleries and videos to complement our online news coverage. In some cases, the photo galleries will also allow us to post even more photos than we already publish in our newspaper from the great events happening all across Haliburton County.

We also have a new system that allows readers to sign up for e-mail alerts any time there is breaking news happening across the county. In the future, we are hoping to bring you even better coverage of breaking news as it happens, and this feature will let you know the second a new story has been posted.

Perhaps most exciting, however, is our new community section called "UR Haliburton Highlands." This brand new feature, hosted on both the *Echo* and *Times* websites, opens the doors for you – the readers – to share and participate in our news coverage. By signing up as a registered user, you will be able to post your own articles and stories, add events to the community calendar, participate in message board discussions, and share your own photos and videos from events both big and small.

The new UR section, found at the right hand side of the screen, is a huge leap forward in the way that our websites will share information with readers. And while our website will never replace our newspaper, we are eager to see this new feature introduced and hope that you make the best of it.

Already there are UR categories set aside for sports groups, churches, volunteer organizations, schools, and entertainment listings. So if you're a member of a community group, church, charity or committee, or a bowling league, band, book club or board of directors, sign up today and start sharing your events with the rest of the county!

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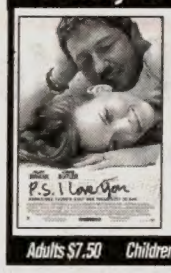

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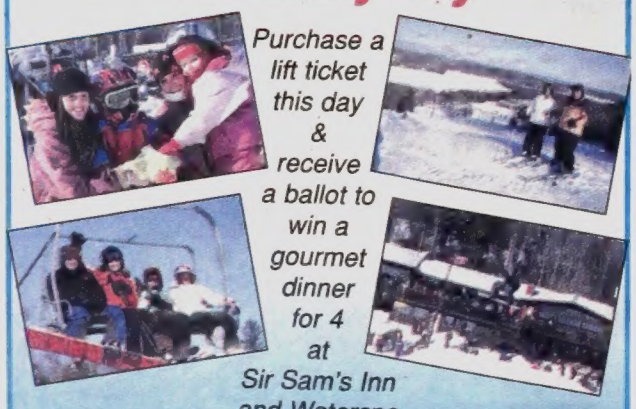

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How are your New Year's resolutions?

Millennium Fitness and Curves can help you stick to your goals

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

A brand new year is upon us and with a new year usually comes the utterance of New Year's resolutions about how we're going to start doing things to better our lives or stop some of those bad habits. But how many people have already given up on this year's resolutions? And is there a way to stick to new goals?

What better placse to get those answers than the local fitness centres?

Kim Burk owns the Millennium Lifestyles health and fitness centre on Harmony Road in Haliburton. It is her hope to expand the business and change locations but not any time soon.

At 50 York Street is Curves, the all-women's circuit training centre managed by Carlene Smith. While these two businesses offer different types of fitness service, they agree on many aspects of how to stick with the goals we set for ourselves.

Heather Seabrooke is a personal trainer at Millennium and Burk says she is one of the key factors of the gym's success. When asked about New Year's resolutions, Seabrooke's view was quite alternative.

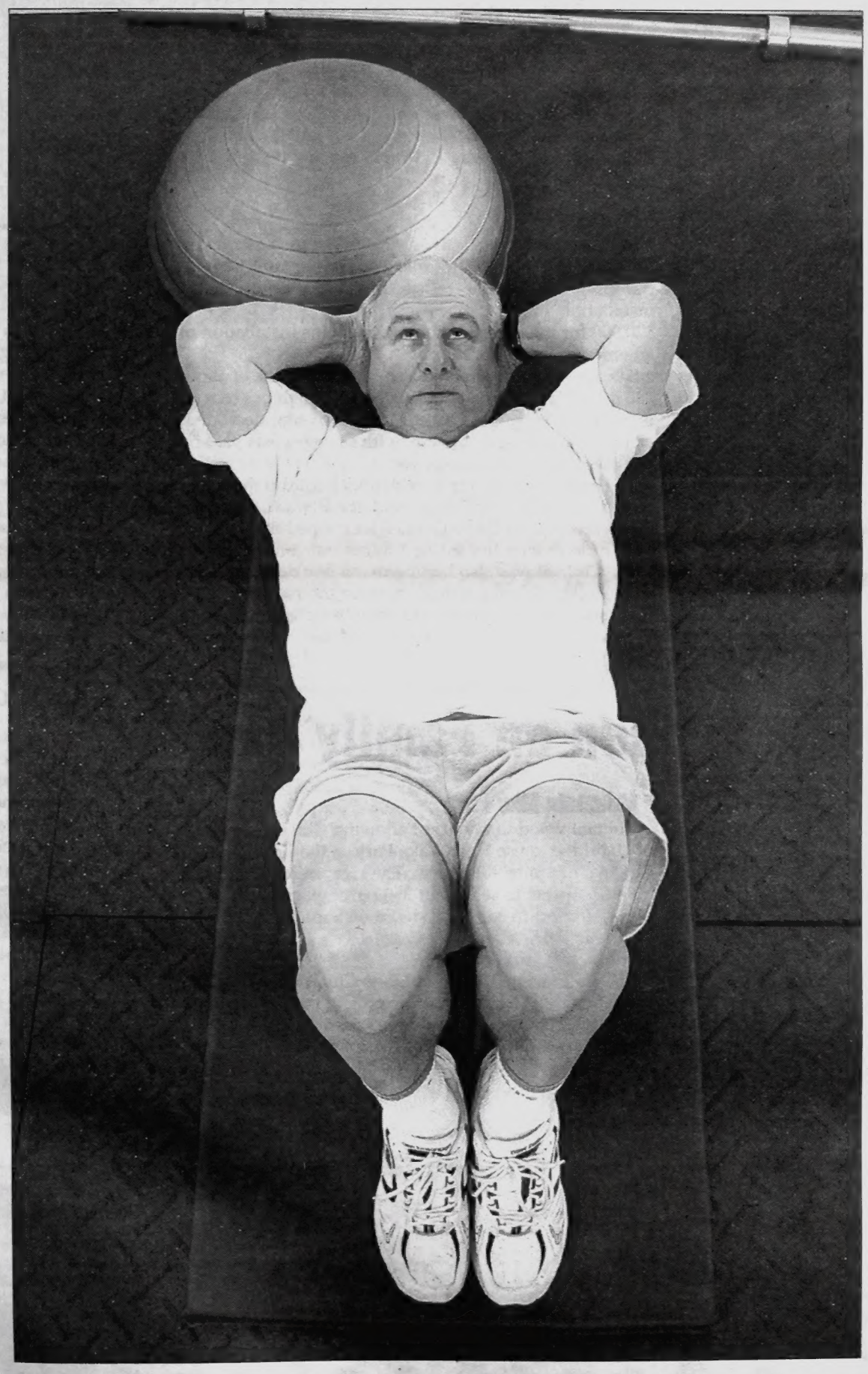
"I would not have a resolution because you're bound to fail," she says. "It's better to start with small, achievable goals.

"And if you fall off you have to allow it to happen, you have to allow yourself to fail," says Seabrooke. "The important part if that you try again."

At Curves Smith says that people need to find their x-factor.

"People need to find the real reason behind what they're doing," says Smith, "whether it's to get fit and healthy or exercise more. It's best to sit down and talk to them one-on-one and find out what motivates them."

One of the toughest jobs at both centres is helping people set realistic goals.



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Bob Park, owner of the local IGA, works on his abs. He exercises at Millennium Fitness as often as he can to keep healthy.

As a personal trainer it irks Seabrooke that the size zero was ever invented. She said that sometimes half her battle is making people realize that what they see on television or read in a magazine is not very realistic.

Burk says only about 10 per cent of her clients are in terrific shape and they've worked hard to get there.

Another way to help stick to new goals is the use of a buddy system. Chances are you aren't the only person who's set new goals for the year. So why not head to the gym with a friend and get healthier together? And if working out with a friend isn't the answer, a personal trainer almost certainly is.

Burk says a personal trainer can help you every step of the way. They can get you familiar with the exercise equipment, monitor progress, and supply motivation.

"Anyone who purchases personal training gets an update every six weeks," says Burk. "Heather is there to help people stay on track and make them feel comfortable with the equipment."

If you do stick to your goals, whatever they are, Burk and Smith also agree that it's important to reward yourself. As an example, Burk says, if you stop smoking use the money that you would have spent on cigarettes to reward yourself.

Smith says that it doesn't matter how big or small the goal is, just be sure to reward yourself.

"It could be they worked out for five weeks," she says, "not just lost five pounds."

Finally, people have to stop using the excuse that they're too busy to exercise. While it might also be a reality that we live in a very fast-paced society, it is important to make time.

The ladies at Millennium sum it up well. They say don't let "I'm too busy" be an excuse because the time you aren't spending on exercising now might add up to the same amount of time you might spend in the doctor's office years down the road.

"You have to realize you're worth it," said Burk. "We're here 50 hours a week but we're open 100 hours a week and we're only asking for three hours a week."

Both fitness outlets also said that changing your routine is also important. Because we are creatures of habit it's important to change your workout schedule.

"You have to adapt and change," says Smith. "What might work one month might not work another."

"You need to change things every six weeks or so," says Burk. "Your body adapts to routine and people often give up because they're not seeing any results or they simply get bored."

Costs are up as Dysart takes first look at 2008 budget

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

On February 4, Dysart et al council got its first peek at the preliminary 2008 budget. The following are highlights of the discussion. The budget has not been approved and is, as they say, a work in progress.

Landfill

Council may have to spend $18,000 more money on its landfills compared to last year. This year's landfill budget is about $93,000 and the increase is the result of newer provincial reporting requirements. Questions were raised about getting another estimate but CAO Tammy McKelvey said that they're quite satisfied with the company's work.

The money will cover services required for the six landfill sites for ongoing testing, sampling, operation and development reports that have to be prepared and sent to the Ministry of the Environment.

Roads

Roads superintendent Brian Nicholson is asking for about $300,000 more for road reconstruction. His total proposed budget for road construction is $797,000. That figure is based on a roads study, which sets out priorities over five years. It's a substantial increase compared to last year's budget, which was a little under $500,000.

The resurfacing of Mountain Street and Unicorn Road, which were scheduled for 2008, have been deferred to 2009 due to construction of the Burnt River bridge since the big trucks using those roads during the project would make a mess of any resurfacing work.

The overall roads budget for taxpayers is more than $2 million.

"We always try to get the roads decisions made on this reconstruction because there's a lot of things that fall into place after that," said McKelvey. "You have to tender your surface treatment and it's usually based on a per kilometre or per square metre rate so [Nicholson] needs to know how many kilometres or roads will be done and he puts together a tender for the surface treatment."

McKelvey added there are also culverts to be ordered so it's necessary to make these decisions made as early in the year as possible.

Nicholson says that this year's budget isn't much different than last year's.

"Some things will get done and others won't," he said. "If you can't get one thing done you move on to another."

The topic of redoing sidewalks on Park St. and some areas in the downtown core was also discussed. Nicholson mentioned sidewalks on Park Street from Extendicare all the way to Maple Avenue because of a safety issue.

Sewage

$150,000 is budgeted for engineering and construction on various sewage equipment including upgrades to pumping stations, the refurbishing of pumps and the installation of new pipes and valves. There is also $20,000 for the investigation and perhaps installation of an emergency power supply.

Sewage system users will also see an increase of about $30 in the flat rate and about seven and a half per cent on meter rates for sewer usage. McKelvey reminded council that it's a user-pay system, with sewage costs paid by the users, not general taxpayers.

The current charge for a residential home on the sewer system is $400. McKelvey said there was a shortfall based on costs for 2007. Council had hoped there would be a little money left in the budget but that is not the case. Council was also hoping that a few developments such as Silver Beach would increase the revenue; however such developments still aren't up and running. When the developments take off and revenues increase, then consumer rates would drop.

Liquor outlets can open on Family Day

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dysart et al council meeting on Monday, February 11.

This Monday is the province's inaugural Family Day. As a statutory holiday under the Retail Business Holiday Act, LCBO stores must be closed on Family Day unless the municipality allows then to remain open, which council approved. Also approved was the sale of alcohol at the Eagle Lake Food Town and West Guilford Shopping Centre on the following holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Boxing Day.

Mountain bike race

Council voted in favour of allowing Chico Racing out of Uxbridge to use Head Lake Park as the finish line for day two of a three-day race. The race, called Crank the Shield, expects to see about 350 participants with additional support to come into town on September 20.

Lions Tag Day

The Haliburton & District Lions Club request for Tag Day on March 8 has been approved. In the club's efforts to continue to serve the ever-increasing needs of the community while battling for the charity dollar the one-day event will replace the usual Getaway Weekend

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Snowmobile accident sends three to hospital

Three people were injured in a snowmobile accident at Haliburton Forest on Saturday.

The OPP says a southbound snowmobile crossed over into the northbound lane and struck another snowmobile at approximately 12:30 a.m..

The 28-year-old driver of the southbound snowmobile, David Lepp of Wainfleet, was transported by ambulance to Haliburton hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver and passenger of the second snowmobile were also taken to Haliburton hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. They are Scott Smith, 20 of Stouffville, and Dylan Atkinson, 19 of Stouffville.

Police, paramedics and Dysart firefighters responded to the call.

The driver of the southbound snowmobile has been charged with careless driving contrary to the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act.

Meetings explore pros and cons of uranium mining

Can't make up your mind whether uranium mining will be good or bad for Haliburton County?

Organizers of two upcoming public meetings are hoping to win you over to their side.

FUME – Fight Uranium Mining Everywhere – is first on the scene. It's inviting everyone to a information session at the Glamorgan Community Centre in Gooderham on Wednesday, February 13. You'll be able to find out more about this citizens' group and why they re so opposed to mining exploration currently underway in Highlands East. The meeting is from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with time set aside for questions.

Bancroft Uranium, which is investing $3 million in drill testing for uranium on 3,500-acre claim in the Tory Hill area, is hosting a public meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre . There's a social hour starting at 6 and at 7 p.m. company officials will explain why it thinks a uranium mine is good news for the area.

What did Dysart council cost?

Dysart et al taxpayers spent a total of $96,400 to pay the costs of their seven-member council.

The following is the final year-end statement of council remuneration for 2007.

Reeve Murray Fearrey: $20,000 per diem, with no mileage or other expenses

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis: $14,000 per diem plus $374 in mileage and $863 in other expenses

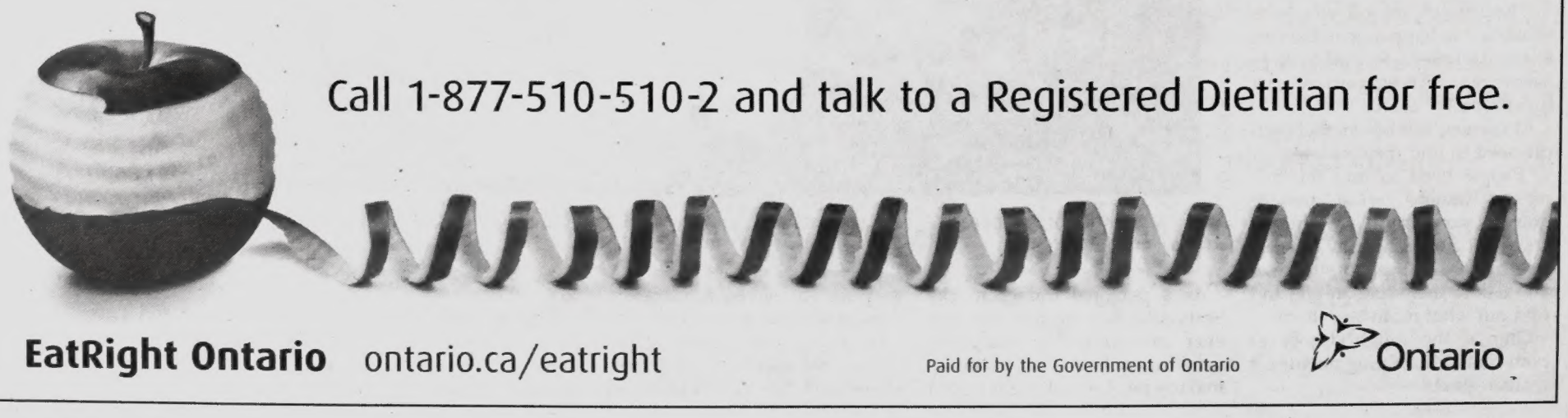
Councillor Dan Kay: $12,000 per diem with no other expenses

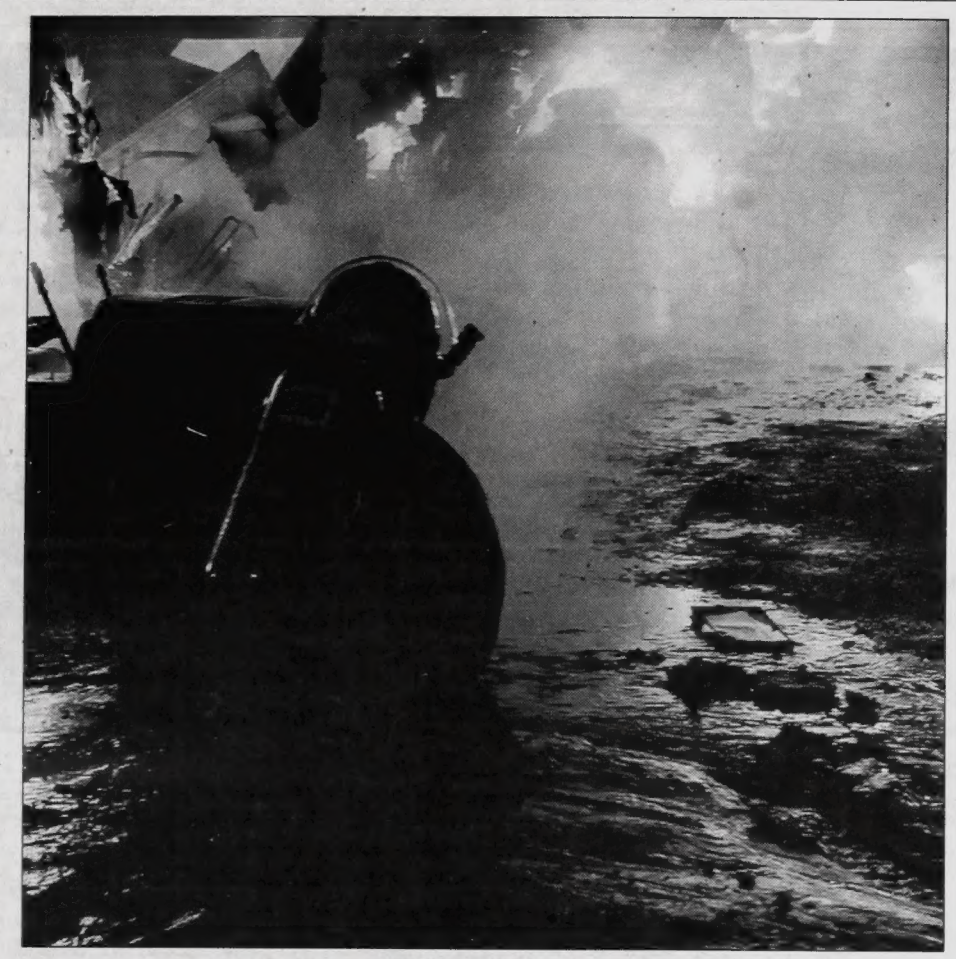
Councillor Steve Pogue: $12,000 per diem plus $238 in mileage

Councillor Derek Knowles: $12,000 per diem plus $76 in mileage and $506 in other expenses

Councillor Janis Parker: $12,000 per diem plus $79 in mileage and no other expenses

Councillor Andrea Roberts: $12,000 per diem plus $202 in mileage and no other expenses





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A Stanhope firefighter keeps a watchful eye, and a steady stream of water, on a propane tank during the fire that destroyed Ian Coltman's livelihood.

Fun day raises money for fire victims

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

One of the things that makes Haliburton County such a great place to live is the strong sense of community spirit.

With that in mind, the residents of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands are reaching out to their neighbours to the east in search of a helping hand.

This Saturday, February 16, a community fundraiser is being planned for Ian Coltman, a Stanhope resident who lost his workshop and all his tools in a devastating fire last month. The event will be held at Carnarvon Bowl.

One of the main attractions, says organizer John Tidey, will be the kid's party, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon with bowling, minnow races, face painting, a clown, as well as lunch and lots of fun prizes. The price for each child is $6.

A pool tournament for adults will also run throughout the day starting at 10 a.m., followed by a county dance and silent auction that evening with DJ Tom Williamson starting at 8 p.m.

While Saturday's party may mean a bit of a drive for the county's eastern residents, Tidey says he is hopeful people from across Haliburton turn out to support a neighbour in need.

"Ian is a volunteer fire fighter, so he's given lots to this community. Now it's our time to give back."

Another resident has approached the Echo and asked that information be published on how donations can be made to the Redner family. The Redners lost their home on Maple Lake and all their possessions in a fire on January 19.

Financial donations to the Redners can be deposited into trust account #30426262884 at the TD bank in Minden.

For more information on the Coltman fundraiser call John Tidey at (705) 286-3593 or Gina Atkinson at (705) 489-1397.

Popular events return

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Draw, which lasts approximately six weeks with unpredictable results. Eight teams will be stationed at two selected venues from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. All funds beyond the expense of running the event go back into the community.

Midnight Madness

Municipal council has once again given the Haliburton County Echo permission to close Highland Street between Cedar Street and Hwy 118 for the ever-popular Midnight Madness. The event, held on the Friday night of the civic holiday weekend, helps drive sales for local stores. It also encourages everyone to enjoy a fun evening with great food, music, and bargains.

Cycling Festival

Due to time limitations and a full plate with the Cycling Master Plan, the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition has withdrawn its request for support of an event that was to coincide with the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival. The coalition still hope to host the event, just at a later date.

Highland Games 2008

After permitting the Highand Games to use Head Lake Park on July 12, council has once again donated $500 help defray costs. The 2007 games were plagued by rain so it's hoped the 2008 eventwill be more successful.

HHHS Foundation

Once again council did not approve of inserting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's donation request with the 2008 spring/summer tax notices.

Meeting time changes

Please note that the following changes for all meetings will be effective April 7.

Waste Management Advisory Committee meetings have been moved from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of every month. Any meetings previously starting at 1 p.m. have been moved to 11 a.m. Public rezoning meetings starting at 7 p.m. are moving back to back to 5 p.m.

Cottage Dreams

A request to sponsor a Cottage Dreams program is being considered. Cottage Dreams, which provides a week at a cottage to cancer survivors, has asked for $5,000. Reeve Murray Fearrey said that traditionally council does not fund such requests due to the volume.

Birch Point

Council passed a severance agreement for the lands of Birch Point Lodge Ltd. on Kashagawigamog Lake. What was once considered one piece of property for the resort, which was torn down last fall, will now be considered as four separate properties.

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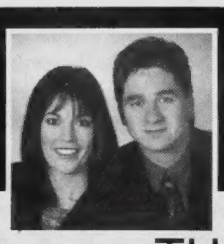

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THE APPRAISER'S JOB

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echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

Osprey Media, a division of Quebecor, which now owns the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times*, is embracing community journalism. Instead of the newspaper trying to keep up with all of the various events that need to be posted on its website, the newspaper is inviting people to post their own events. It's an easy-to-follow process and it will allow people to see at a glance what there is to do in the Highlands.

The website also has a new photo album, so if you took a pretty picture of yesterday's sunrise, why not share it with our readers.

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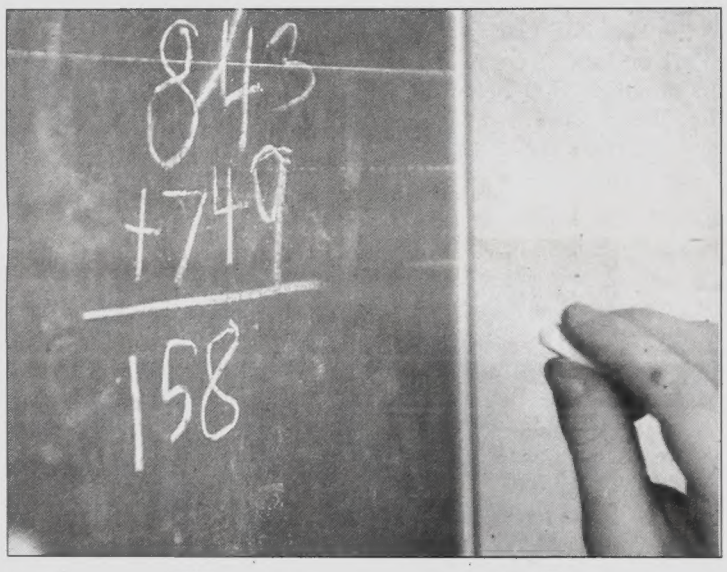


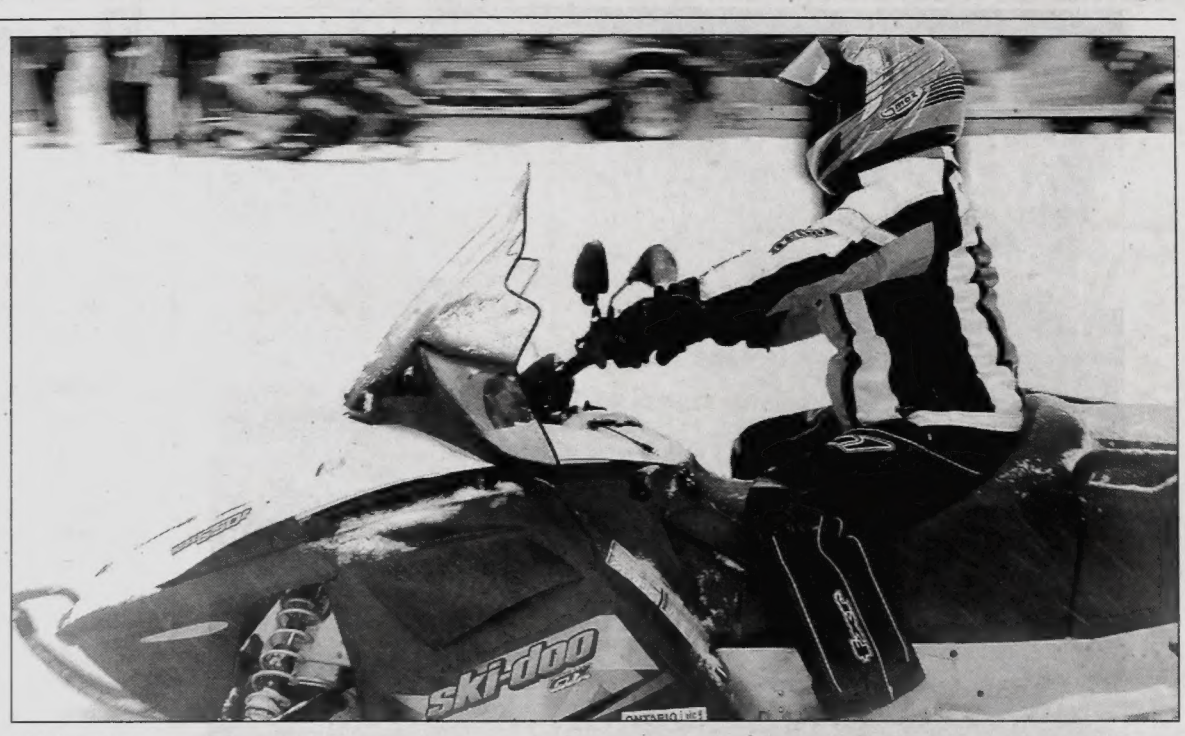
The new math?

Did anyone else have trouble doing the math in last week's editorial photo?

Since the photo was taken at the pioneer day celebration at Stuart Baker Elementary School, one would assume the students were doing arithmatic the old-fashioned way: you start adding up the figures on the right so that if you have to carry a number into the next column, you know it as you go along.

If you were to do the math this student's way – and maybe this is why the student was pausing – the answer would be 15812. No gold star. You have to add the 3 and 9 first and carry the 1, leading you to the correct answer of 1592.

Old math, new math, it still has to add up.



Riding for a cure *Photo by* GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

Passing THE TEST

VALENTINE'S DAY – the only holiday named after a massacre – is rapidly approaching once again. This, despite the fact that it's a leap year.

For many men, this is a special day, a time to rekindle the old flame. After all, fire-making skills are particularly important when you are locked out of the house in February.

The truth is that most men I know are suspect about this holiday. I think that this is because of the name.

outside **chance** *steve galea*

Honestly, Valentine's Day sounds effeminate when compared to more manly holidays like Groundhog Day or Superbowl Sunday. That's why I propose that from now on we rename it THE TEST. By the way, capital letters are important if you're going to maintain male interest in this holiday. If we can somehow work in flames, racing stripes, NASCAR suits, helmets, announcers, and trophies, so much the better.

But even without all this fanfare, if past Valentines are any indication, there's good reason for renaming it THE TEST.

In a perfect world, men participating in THE TEST should be expected to collect gifts from the wilds for their loved one – that way women know we've put some effort into it. This is not as easy as it sounds; in fact, you need to be careful.

For instance, last year's moose antler key ring, though beautiful, was not practical in that it didn't fit in her pocket or purse – or car, unless you loaded it beside her on the front seat. Even so, as long as her keys were attached to that beautifully palmated 54-inch rack, she never lost them. So at least the thought behind it was correct.

Which brings me to another point – no matter what they say, it's not the thought that counts. Oh sure, they tell you it's the thought that counts but trust me it's not.

This is just one of the many important things I learned after presenting her with that key chain. In fact, during the subsequent quiet time I spent on the couch, I had time to think about this even more.

For instance, I've determined that most women do not appreciate any gift made of bone, antler, bark, animal scents, or unprocessed hides. This does not leave us with many choices. But that's what makes THE TEST so challenging.

Anyone can saunter into the store and buy chocolates, roses, and a card. On the other hand, it takes real nerve to buy your sweetheart a fillet knife and cleaning board. Add a couple of pike to practise on and you've got a gift she'll be telling her friends about for quite a while.

If you really want to thrill her you might – and, trust me, this is extravagant – get her an industrial grade fish gutting glove and apron – the kind made of chain mail or Kevlar.

I bet the look on her face as she grips that fillet knife and dons the apron will be one you'll remember for as long as you live. And when you hand her the pike and cleaning board, well, between you and me, dinner just might end prematurely so that you can get right down to the important matters.

That's right, showing her how to fillet around the Y-bones.

THE TEST, now that's a holiday I can get excited about…

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Running away

AS HER CAR APPROACHED the border, Hannah wondered if she would regret her decision. Around her the landscape was flat and open with only the occasional building or billboard to break the monotony. Not many hiding places for would-be border jumpers, she mused. Likely the land is not suitable for much of anything, she decided, her thoughts then switching to where she had been and where she was now headed.

down our **road**

sharon lynch

It felt like running away. Behind her was a house surrounded by several feet of snow and a furnace that never stopped coughing out its expensive warm air. The road had been slick as she pulled away from her driveway, the mounds of shovelled white making it necessary to cautiously inch forward. Once on the main highway, signs continued to warn her of the unpredictably destructive behaviour of deer that might dart into her path at any moment. Winter in rural Canada had been feeling like a six-month prison sentence for Hannah this year until she decided to take a trip south. Once that decision was made, the snow seemed to lessen, the house warm and the roads straighten. Her steps were lighter, her nose less red and her fingers less numb. She had something to which she now looked forward.

She knew it would be expensive, no matter how carefully she watched her spending. When you live on a small income, anything out of the usual routine expenses can put you in the red. Still, Hannah had managed to set aside a small amount in dribs and drabs since the summer and that, combined with a loan from her sister, had enabled her to take this month and drive to Florida. A friend was staying in her house and would keep the dog tended and, hopefully, the snow shovelled.

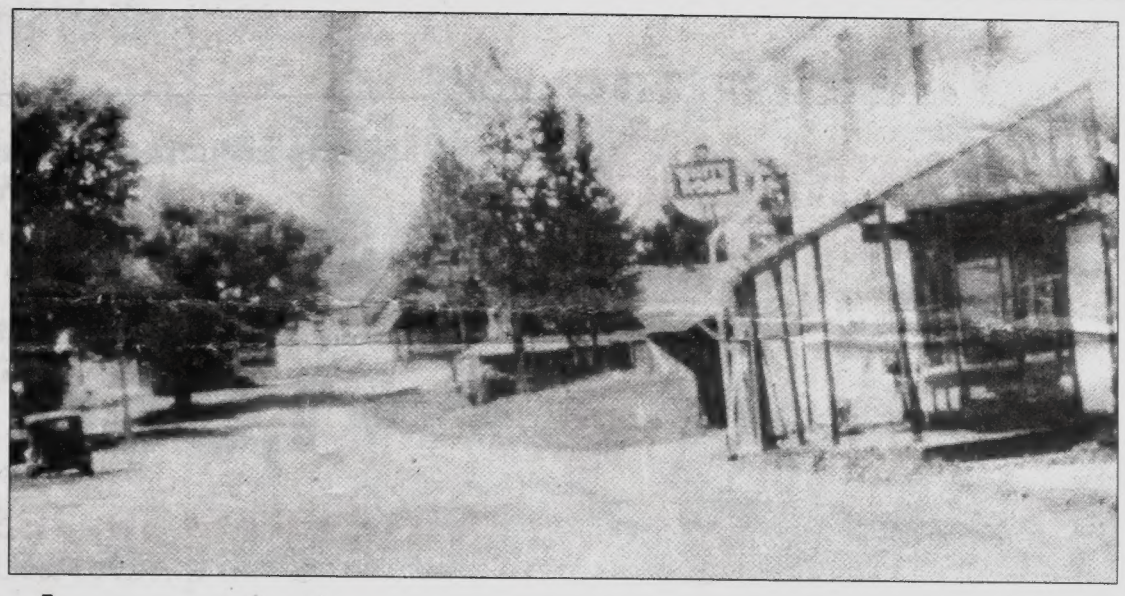
The car was packed with camping gear and she was determined to find out why so many of her fellow citizens headed this way every year. She figured it would take four days for her to follow the route spelled out in her CAA trip maps. Driving by herself was not her first choice, but she had refused to let being solitary stand in her way.

Until she crossed over into the United States, Hannah did not consider her journey had truly started. Despite all the hoopla currently surrounding such a transition, she found the border crossing uneventful. New York looked much like Ontario, only with more cars. Pennsylvania seemed to have large farms and less snow and she was getting used to the many radio stations that moved in and out of reception.

The first surprise was West Virginia. It was not as far as Hannah had expected and she reached it the first night. A hugely empty state with ancient humped vistas, she could not believe that it lay so close to her home. When she stopped at a motel, she found the people friendly and the restaurant menu heavy on barbecued dishes. Hannah felt herself warming to not only the charming way folks talked but also to the change in the air. It was warmer; the bite was gone. She could feel some of the tension she had been holding in her body start to loosen, the way spaghetti slowly softens as hot water goes to work on it.

Continuing on her journey, Hannah revelled in the names as she passed through Virginia and the two Carolinas: Rocky Gap, Charlotte, Winston-Salem. Then on to Georgia, the weather warming more and the landscape changing. There were 'Welcome Centers' all along the route and they lived up to their names. Each one a little different, they seemed to capture the spirit of the state in which they were located and provided, at the very least, clean washrooms and a shady rest.

By the time she hit Savannah, she felt she needed to slow down her speech and drop the word endings when she stopped for a burger at one of the ubiquitous fast food places. Palm trees had started to appear. Hannah had stopped thinking about snow and winter boots. It was a joy to travel in shirt sleeves and feel the warm air through her open car window. She was just crossing over into Florida now and it was time to find a camp site for at least one night. This was a big state and there was much she wanted to see and do. Any thoughts of returning home were firmly pushed to the back of her mind.



pic *of the* past

With the passing of Bob Vick, Walter Leveck wants to pay tribute to the former Snowdon reeve and warden of Haliburton County by printing this photo, which first appeared in the *Minden TV Times* in 2001. The information had been provided by Mr. Vick and former Snowdon clerk Ernie Hills. "This picture shows a summer shot of Gelert's Station Street looking west. The photo was probably taken in the late 1920s or early '30s. Unseen, on the left, is Hamilton's Store. The building beside the vehicle is the Les Hagen Garage. On the right, with the White Rose sign and gas pump, is Gladys Hornell's General Store. There was a dance hall on the second floor. The Anglican Church can be seen at the end of this street."

letters to the editor

Don't judge a person by his or her cover

To the Editor:

Regarding Mark Smith's epistle "Big City ideas aren't always the answer for smaller communities," Mr. Smith seems to be gifted with an esoteric ability to determine one's profession by their appearance. I quote, "We learned that this lady was, true to her appearance, a retired librarian…"

I guess that years of dealing with books is reflected in your appearance, according to Mr. Smith. I'm going to go out on a limb here and assume that he is a retired proctologist.

Don Pflug
Halls Lake

Plow roads more often

To the Editor:

I live at the end of Hutchings Road at the bottom of the big hill. I don't understand why the municipality doesn't plow this road twice a day, once in the morning and when the bus comes at night.

We would like to see the big plow down here to push the snow back. Those of us who have to work leave around 6 a.m. and we can't get up the hill so we lose money. What about the kids on the bus? Once a day just doesn't cut it.

We need more than a peppershaker of sand on this road, especially on the hills.

The Lois Smith Family
Haliburton

Thanks to local volunteers, ski event was big success

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Haliburton Highlands Ski Club and race director Blake Paton on hosting another successful cross country ski race at Glebe Park January 26 and 27. Approximately 175 skiers, coaches and family members arrived Friday to Sunday and enjoyed a well-organized event and hospitality in our community. Teams came from Ottawa, Sudbury, Collingwood, Toronto, Guelph, Waterloo, among others.

See **Ski trails** *page 9*

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Uranium debate overblown

To the Editor:

The recent concern over uranium mining is overblown.

Naturally occurring uranium (U238) is "radioactive," but being an alpha-emitter, and a very weak one at that, these decaying particles cannot penetrate human skin — if the particles even get that far. They are lucky if they pass through more than a centimetre or two of air.

A more serious danger of uranium ore is if you drop a chunk of it on your foot. Because it's a rock.

U238 is everywhere. There is no escaping it, nor is there a need to. If you have a granite countertop in your kitchen, you also have U238 in your kitchen. If you eat any of the food groups — and this would make for interesting dinner conversation amongst the Greenpeace set — you are eating uranium. This is because uranium exists in soils and is readily absorbed by plants, and all that eat plants. It is in seawater, and everything that swims in the sea.

Elemental uranium is in fact so prevalent it even drives the continents: this abundance of U238 (and also thorium and potassium-40), as it naturally decays, heats the inner regions of our planet and through mantle convection drives plate tectonics.

Personally, I am as nervous of human intervention of naturally occurring radioactive materials as the next guy and am 100 per cent for alternative energy sources, but we really should try to keep things in perspective.

U238 has never caused one case of cancer. To become harmful, uranium ore must first go through a lengthy series of processing techniques, and none of these processes would occur near the point of origin.

Certainly there may exist mining practices so inept some ill effects may occur through inhalation of uranium, but if you live in the wind shadow of a coal-fired electrical generating station, you are breathing more harmful uranium isotopes (types of uranium) and in far greater quantities.

Our best bet? Bring on the wind turbines and solar power. The energy potential in these two sources alone is enough to power the entire planet many, many thousands of times over. Combustion-powered shaft energy needs (i.e., cars, airplanes, etc., running on electrically generated hydrogen) included.

If war must be waged, wage it where it is needed: Once won, we can shut down the coal and nuclear plants and simply leave the uranium where we found it.

And keep eating your vegetables.

Thomas Kovacs
Haliburton

Build a new school to house library

To the Editor:

Re: Public libraries

A short time ago, we of Highlands East experienced the possibility of re-locating the Wilberforce school, but where? Since schools and libraries hold a strong link in the chain of higher learning, I am proposing something, possibly not new, but very urgent.

The school building in Wilberforce is possibly the only original school that is still in use in Haliburton County. It is of sound structure and has a noble appearance. However as a school building it is providing inadequate space.

Meanwhile, the library building in Wilberforce is possibly the least conducive to expansion, repairs, parking and accessibility. Highlands East owns Block B on the original Oram plan and borders the present school property. The allocation of funds that must be somewhere or could be available to erect a glamorous central library could be much better invested in design and construction of a new elementary school with a proper gymnasium and modern facilities. The present playground and ball diamond could continue in full use.

Now, a library solution. The present school building with interior reconstruction could provide a fabulous library. Space would permit a film area and everything that will be incorporated in the new library being constructed in Minden. Access is great; parking is ample and safe. It could be programmed to be a supply source to the other three existing libraries and also act as a storage area for the crowded Haliburton library's excess books until disposed of. Great things could happen.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention that the finances for either project come from the same source - your pocket and mine.

Kenneth D. Sanderson
Wilberforce

Ski trails enhance our quality of life

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Most of those skiers stayed at area resorts and inns, shopped at the grocery stores, and ate several meals in local restaurants.

Haliburton is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who have worked hard over the past several years to develop and maintain a superior network of ski trails. For example, volunteers spent hours on the trails in Glebe Park and Moosewoods after the big January thaw to fill in holes and wet spots so that the trails would be ready to ski on for the races and for residents and visitors wanting to enjoy our great winter environment. Our ski trails attract competitive skiers for events like the one in January, and they also attract visitors, who come and stay at local inns or resorts each year specifically to ski (I met three such groups at Moosewoods Trail Centre on the weekend).

Having a vibrant ski trail system is a real quality of life feature for residents, and a great tourism resource. It is one more way of identifying Haliburton County as a healthy, active community. Thanks to all the people who volunteer to keep the trails in great shape. Here's to many more weeks of great skiing!

Sue Shikaze
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Percy Lake supports development as long as issues are addressed

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bers of the Haliburton Lake association, he isn't against the plan.

"Actually, the Percy Lake Ratepayers Association supports the project in principle," Loney said. "We just want to make sure the developer doesn't spoil the environment that we have here at the lake."

The Percy Lake association doesn't have any particularly big concerns. However, there are a couple of minor ones: a pristine sandy beach and the Gull River portage.

"We want to preserve the portage that exists now for public use as opposed to private lots being developed around the river," said Loney. "And we've been getting excellent co-operation from the developer."

However, no paperwork has been put forward to council by surveyor Paul Wilson, who is working on behalf of the property's owner, Greif Bros. Inc.

Loney made a point of this.

"Something could change along the way, I'm very comfortable that it won't, but we have to reserve the right to take issue with something once we see the paperwork that actually gets filed."

Loney also says the landfill issue has yet to be resolved.

"Our existing two landfill sites are approaching full and the new 106 lots will take a toll on the existing landfills," said Loney. "So we want the developer to work together with the township to create a new landfill site. There is every indication that will happen but we just keep stressing that's a priority."

Roads are also a priority for the lake associations but Loney says only the developer and the township can fix that. During the meeting Wilson said that approximately 20 kilometres of new roads could be built by the developers. He wanted to know who is going to take responsibility for maintaining them afterwards. Wilson said there are two options for road ownership; either the township takes the reins or a corporate condominium company can.

Since this was the first time council heard of this, Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "We need some time to think about the process. There's quite a difference between the condominium concept that [Wilson's] proposing and municipal roads, which traditionally are around subdivisions.

"You'd have to have a lot of development to ever pay for the cost of maintaining those roads too. So I guess we'll look at the financial implications and the planning implications and come up with some kind of a solution."

Loney says the roads up and around Haliburton Lake and Percy Lake are "rough" and "not up to standard", adding that the vehicles used during construction will only deteriorate them further. He also mentioned two bridges that need to be maintained and repaired.

Throughout the process the Percy Lake association wants to stay informed. Loney said that both the township and the developer have been very good with communication.

In the council chambers that afternoon council decided that more dialogue would continue among the developer, Wilson and the lake associations to ensure protection for the beauty of the Highlands.

Driver jailed two years

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years less a day and a three-year driving prohibition, noting that Switzer had stopped drinking around 5 or 6 a.m. that day, that he had already pled guilty and that he had suffered a "profound loss" in the death of his fiancée.

Although Switzer did not admit alcohol caused the accident, Morgan said it was a significant factor.

"There is no question about that," he said, adding that "excessive speed" also played a large role," and that, ultimately, Switzer must be held responsible for his actions.

Dressed in a plaid blue lumberjacket and green cargo pants, Switzer remained expressionless as he waved goodbye to his family as a guard took him into custody.

On top of the jail term, he also received two years of probation and was ordered to take counselling for his alcohol use.

A three-year driving prohibition will begin after his release. He was given two years of concurrent jail time in connection with the charge of exceeding the legal blood alcohol limit.

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Who are your favourite Highlanders?

Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to nominate individuals and businesses for award

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's that time of year again – time to nominate your favourite local businesses for the 2007 Business and Community Achievement Awards.

This year's event, hosted as always by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will be held on March 29 in the Delta Pinestone's grand ballroom. And even though the event is still more than a month away, the chamber is asking for submissions from the public now in order to make the awards ceremony bigger and better than ever before.

"We want to get nominations as soon as possible so that people start talking about the awards," says Charlene English, administrative co-ordinator for the chamber. "More nominations make it a better event for everyone."

English says that last year nominations were low, but adds that she is hopeful that trend will change, and urges the public to come forward to support and recognize their favourite businesses.

"You know how they say. 'If you don't vote, you can't complain?' Well, if you don't nominate you can't complain either," she laughs.

This year there will be five different business categories open for public nominations. Those include small business of the year (any business with 25 employees or less that has been open more than three years), large business of the year (any business with 26 employees or more that has been open more than three years), new business of the year (any business which has been in operation for three years or less), not-for-profit business of the year (any non-profit business open more than three years), and young entrepreneur of the year (any business owner 29 years and under).

English says the nominees for small and large business must be members of the Chamber of Commerce, but those in the new business, not-for-profit, and young entrepreneur do not.

But the awards aren't all just business-oriented either. In fact, one of the most popular awards – the "Highlander of the Year" – recognizes an outstanding individual whose contributions and leadership make the Haliburton Highlands a better place to live.

In addition to that, the chamber also has two other community achievement awards, including the youth of the year awards (nominated by the faculty of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) and the award of the year (selected by the warden of Haliburton County and awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization that makes significant contributions to life in the Highlands).

Part of what makes the awards gala so special, says English, is that it's a rare chance for the business leaders and community members to celebrate each other's accomplishments side by side.

"This is an evening to celebrate and honour the achievements and contributions of people who live and work in Haliburton County," she says. "It's not about the Chamber, it's about the community. That's why I love this event."

Nominations will be accepted until February 29. Nomination forms are available by contacting Charlene English at the Chamber of Commerce office by e-mailing charlene@hhchamber.on.ca or phoning 286-1760.

Tickets for the gala dinner and awards ceremony are also on sale now. Those interested should contact the chamber office soon, as last year's gala was a sell-out.

Here's who can win

Categories for the 2007 Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year (1 to 25 employees)

This award is for businesses that have been in operation in Haliburton County for three years or more and have one to 25 employees. Note that nominees for this award must be members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's winner: County Commercial Printers

Large Business of the Year (26+ employees)

This award is for businesses that have been in operation in Haliburton County for three years or more and have 26 employees or more. Note that nominees for this award must be members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's winner: Curry Motors

New Business of the Year (Less than three Years)

This award is for businesses that have been in operation in Haliburton County for three years or less. Nominees for this award do not need to be members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's winner: Todd's Independent Grocers

Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that not-for-profit organizations make to Haliburton County. Nominees for this award do not need to be members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce but must have been in operation for three years or more.

Last year's winner: Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 years old and younger)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a risk-taker, as well as enthusiasm, motivation, creativity, originality, dedication, innovation and vision. Nominees must be 29 and under, but do not need to be members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's winner: Ben Teskey and Robin Golloher, co-owners of Algonquin's Wolf Den Bunkhouse and Cabins

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment is eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Last year's winner: Wade MacInnes, Silver Stick hockey tournament organizer

Share your thoughts about caboose on Wednesday

A public meeting is scheduled to share ideas as to what could be done with the caboose in Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

The meeting is Wednesday, February 13 at the Haliburton Legion at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome to share their ideas and be part of the process as it moves forward.

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Participants get ready to head out from the Delta Pinestone Resort for a day on the trails as part of the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run on February 9.

Lady riders suit up to fight breast cancer

Dozens of women honour the memory of Kelly Shires at annual event

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

There was pink as far as the eye could see last weekend when the ninth annual Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Run Snow Run slid into Haliburton County.

The event, which was held at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Saturday, brought together dozens of snowmobilers from across the province to raise money in support of women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Split into four teams, each group traveled a round trip route of approximately 150 kilometres of trails across the Highlands, then celebrated on Saturday night with a banquet and party back at the resort.

In order to participate in the annual event each rider must raise a minimum of $1,500. Last year the Haliburton event raised $200,000 and organizers say this year's goal was set even higher, at $275,000.

Unlike other fundraisers, the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run does not raise money for breast cancer research, but instead, donates all of its proceeds directly to the patients who need it most. This money can help ease the burden created by loss of income, medicinal costs, or transportation costs, much of which is not covered by government assistance.

The Quebec chapter of the group also holds an annual run, scheduled to take place on February 23 in Ste. Marquerite, Quebec.

For more information on the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Run Snow Run and how to get involved visit www.breastcancersnowrun.org or call 1-877-436-6467.

A rider wears a pink scarf to show her support for the cause.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment joined in the day's fun and tagged along for the ride.

MATT JAMES photos/Echo

Brigitta Hicks placed third in the midget girls division 2 km race with a time of 0:14:22:3.

Damon Flatman just missed the podium in the 2 km midget boys race. He finished with a time of 0:14:27:4.

Paige Roberts placed third in juvenile girls 3 km division with a time of 0:16:35:5.

Local youth glide to succcess at Glebe Park

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Open made its annual appearance at Glebe Park over the weekend of January 26 and 27. The event had two types of skiing: classic skiing on day one and skate skiing on day two.

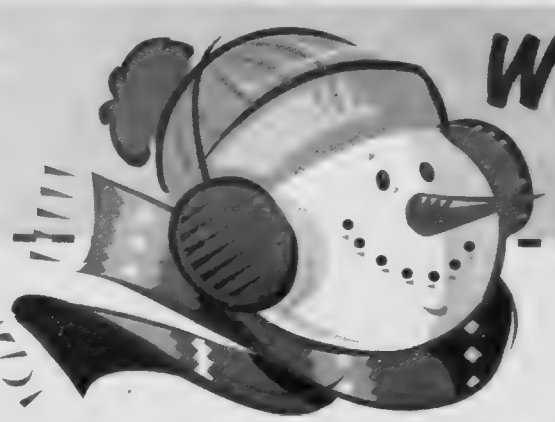
The race was also a qualifier for the Ontario University Athletics league, bringing hundreds of university students to Haliburton.

Of the local talent on hand, Preston Roberts placed third in the min-midget boys 2 km division with a time of 0:11:32:4. His older sister Paige also came third, winning bronze in the juvenile girls 3 km division with a time of 0:16:35:5.

Honourable mentions go to Ali Hicks who was beaten by her sister Brigitta, who came in third in the midget girls division and Masters division racer Jennifer Paton.

The race also served as a qualifier for the Ontario Winter Games in the mini-midget, midget and juvenile categories.

Organizer Blake Paton thanks all participants and especially the volunteers who made the race possible.



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Romancing the stone:

Bassie rink wins annual Tournament of Hearts curling bonspiel

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to The Echo

Tournament of Hearts bonspiel co-ordinator Shirley Howse, right, presents the trophy to winners Marilyn Rydberg, Brigitte Bassie, Marg Risk and Ila Griffin.

Saturday, February 9 saw another exciting and successful women's curling bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club. Shirley Howse, co-coordinator of the popular Tournament of Hearts, welcomed the 12 teams for a fun day.

Congratulations to the overall winners: skip Brigitte Bassie, vice Marilyn Rydberg, second Marg Risk and lead Ila Griffin.

First place winners of the first draw were Skip Sandra Duchemin, vice Mary Hambly, second Tammy McKay and lead Heather Lindsay.

Second place went to Irene Houtby's team of Pat Reynolds, Sylvia Bradshaw and Charlene Cooper.

Third place went to skip Doreen Degrave, vice Jane Jaycock, second Helen Baker and lead Joan Willhelm

First place winners of the second draw were the Bassie team.

Second place winners were Bev Martin skip, Ariel Campbell vice, Cindy Mitchell second and Lolita Mitchell lead.

Third place winners were the Rasmus team of Beryl Rasmus, June Beadle, Ruth Kelly, and Marilyn Hawley.

Entertainment for the curlers was a demonstration of flower arranging by Campbell's Flowers of Minden. The arrangement was won by Marilyn Bevan.

Raffle prize winners were Irene Houtby, Elda Sedore, Shelley Watson, Ruth Kelly, Ginny Carmichael, Marilyn Wagg, Gloria Taylor, Pat Norman, Pat Reynolds, and Marg Risk.

This day takes many hands to make it a success. Thanks go to score keeper and registrar Phyllis Woodcock, ice maker John Watson, bar tender Wilf Guenette, entertainment coordinator Luba Glachan, caterer Janet Tice. Thanks also to the three servers: Doug Wagg, Bill Vermeersch and Al DeGrave.

Luba Glachan and Bev Martin assisted Shirley Howse in putting a great day together for the women of the area.

Two major sponsors that make this day possible are Magic Touch Day Spa and Kitchen Etcetera from Haliburton. Also, Highland Images and Haliburton IGA made donations to this event.

Sunday's loss ends Novice A's playoff hopes

The Novice A Storm's exciting playoff season against Orono came to an end on Sunday when the Storm fell one point behind in the sixth and deciding game.

The Storm lost 3-2, following on the heels of another 3-2 loss on Saturday night.

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Snowshoe workshop marks return of Trails and Tours winter series

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is proud to announce that it has revived its popular workshop series.

The first planned event for 2008 will be a snowshoeing workshop that will take place at the Delta Pinestone Resort on February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This exciting day includes an introduction to snowshoeing, a mouth-watering lunch, and a picturesque guided hike on the resort trails. Even equipment rentals are available.

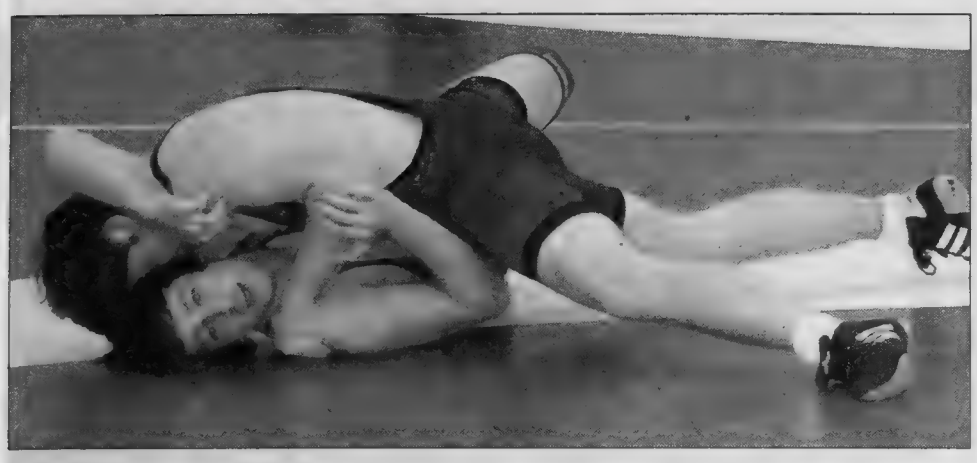
Workshop Prices are $50 for a Trails & Tours Member with rentals, $40 for a Trails & Tours Member without rentals, $65 for a non-member with rentals, and $55 for a non-member without rentals.

Please not that pre-registration for this workshop is required. Phone Trails and Tours at (705) 489-4049 or email info@trailsandtours.com

Also keep checking the Trails and Tours website for information on the next exciting workshop. If you would like to put on a workshop or have any suggestions for other workshops contact Tegan Moratz at tmoratz@trailsandtours.com.

Have you always been intrigued by snowshoeing but needed help getting a start? Then sign up for the snowshoeing workshop being held at the Delta Pinestone Resort on February 23. The event is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.

File photo of Snowdon Park by Matt James



Harley Foulds pins his opponent on the first day of competition at the Ontario championships at Brock University.

HHSS wrestlers rank among top 10 in Ontario

Red Hawks host Kawartha championships Feb. 13

PAUL KLOSE

HHSS Coach

HHSS wrestlers competed with the best in the province at the Ontario Cadet/Juvenile Wrestling Championships recently.

The tournament was hosted by Brock University in St. Catharines from February 1 to 3. Six Red Hawk wrestlers participated in the competition eager to reach the podium at the provincial level.

Cody Griffin (66 kg) and Tara O'Sullivan (46 kg) each posted a record of one win and two losses in the first day of competition. Cody had a particularly challenging weight class and narrowly lost his final match to a provincial-class athlete.

Harley Foulds (72 kg) and Christianna Walker (52 kg) advanced to the second day of competition by winning close matches in the opening rounds of the tournament. The following rounds proved to be equally challenging. Harley lost his final match to rank sixth in the province. Christianna won her final match to capture fifth place.

Karl Kadwell and Mikaela Charlebois wrestled very well throughout the tournament to earn a record of three wins and two losses. Both wrestlers advanced to the consolation finals to wrestle their best matches of the tournament. Karl and Mikaela lost their matches and earned a respectable fourth place rank in the province. Congratulations to all wrestlers.

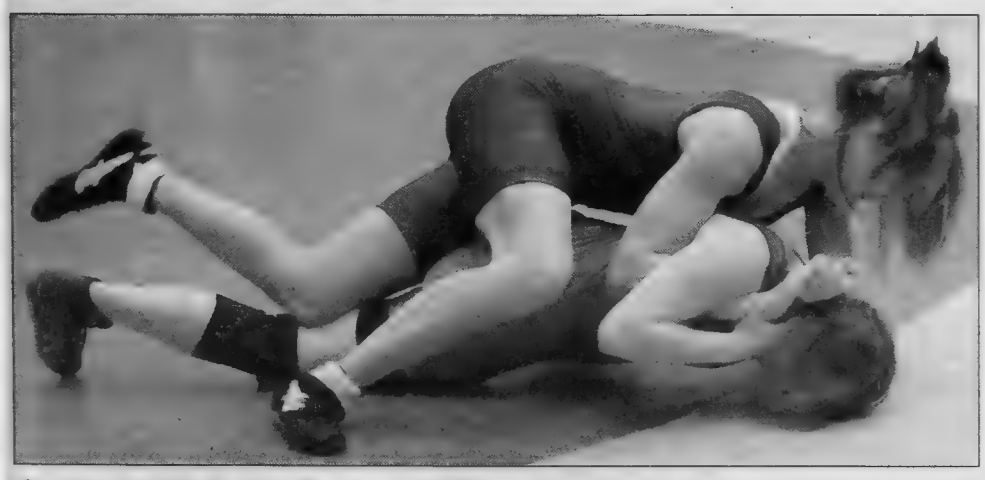
In local competition, the Junior Red Hawk wrestlers competed at the Kawartha Cadet Championships in Cobourg on February 5. Nine HHSS athletes wrestled well to place in the top three of their weight class:

Gold Medallists – Connor Cowan, Tara O'Sullivan

Silver Medallists – Craig Mulholland, Kyle Grove, Jasmine Purnell, Mikaela Charlaebois

Bronze Medallists – Brandon Trebell, Derek Graham, Alex Wingrove

With less than one month remaining in the competitive season, HHSS wrestlers work at practice to polish technique and hone match strategy. HHSS is set to host the Kawartha Championships on Wednesday February 13.



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Hockey tournament fills the shelves of food banks

The Haliburton Home Builders Association put on their 10th annual hockey charity tournament to raise money for the area's food banks in late January.

Organizer Aggie Tose said the weekend was quite successful but there were reports of a few sore bodies at work Monday morning.

The hockey was very exciting and a few of the final matches reached overtime. Unfortunately the Haliburton teams were on the losing end. Many thanks go out to the volunteers who made the event possible.

The results are as follows:

OPEN DIVISION
"A" Minden Mallards 3 vs. Mitt Lickers 2
"B" Misfits 2 vs. Dump Bears 1
"C" Ragin Bison 9 vs. Kustom Dezyne 2

OVER 35 DIVISION
"A" Spit Monkeys 3 vs. Renaissance Nouveau 4
"B" Churko Electric 4 vs. Chiefs 1
"C" Night Hawks 4 vs. Bancroft Homestore 1

HOME BUILDER DIVISION
"A" Carson Contracting 6 vs. Burtch Construction 5
"B" G's Unit 5 vs. Majestic Pools 1
"C" Durham H.B.A. 9 vs. Cty League Coaches 1

LADIES DIVISON
"A" Throwtogethers 3 vs. Sugar N Spice 1

Jenny Perrott of Haliburton, on left, battles with Minden native Sherri Walker. Four ladies teams took part in the popular weekend hockey tournament.

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Andi Donaldson is embraced by his G.J. Burtch teammates after he tied the game with only three seconds left. Unfortunately the team lost to Carson Contracting early in overtime.

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A New Valentine's Day

It's time to be sweet to yourself

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How many Valentine's Days have you gone through? It has always been such a mixed-emotion day for many people. We are always so bombarded with the messages of love, roses and sweet sentiments and if you don't have any of these you are made to feel bad.

When I was younger and I didn't have a date for Valentine's Day it was such a drag.

Now as I am older I realize it's not about being with a "man " or significant other but spending it with someone you care about, whether that is yourself or a friend, dog or cat.

So be kind to yourself and try some of these sweet treats.

RASPBERRY TRUFFLES

8 oz bittersweet chocolate
2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp whipping cream
2 tbsp seedless raspberry jam
1 tsp frambroise liqueur or kirsch or brandy
1/3 cup cocoa powder

In a bowl set over hot (not boiling) water, heat chocolate, butter and cream; stirring until chocolate is melted. Remover from heat; stir in jam and liqueur. Refrigerate for a least an hour or until firm, or for up to one day.

Scoop by heaping tsp onto sheet of waxed paper, shaping into ball. Sift cocoa powder into shallow bowl. Roll truffle balls in cocoa; place in candy cups.

Make ahead: layer in airtight container between sheets of waxed paper and refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Makes about 24 truffles

From Canadian Living Holiday Best 2000

per truffle: 66 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g fibre,1 g protein, 6 g carb, 4mg chol., 18 sodium, 1 % calcium, 4% iron and 1% vitamin

CUSTARD AND STRAWBERRY TARTS

2 tbsp custard powder
2 tbsp sugar
1 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup milk
2 tbsp orange-flavoured liqueur (optional)
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup small strawberries or raspberries
6-8 baked homemade tart shells or store bought 3" shells

In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, whisk custard powder with sugar. Gradually whisk in cream, milk and orange liqueur. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon, until mixture comes to a boil 3-4 minutes. Then stir constantly until custard is very thick about 2 more minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Use right away or if making ahead pour into a large bowl. Press a piece of plastic wrap directly on surface to prevent skin from forming. Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

To serve, mound berries in baked tart shell. If strawberries are large, coarsely chop.

Then spoon enough custard overtop of berries to just cover. If custard is cold, stir before; using. Custard thickens as it sits so you may have to thin with more liqueur or milk.

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The secret revealed at ladies night

What were all those men doing there?

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Eleanor Cooper 754-2388

What was the group of men doing at the Ladies Fellowship meeting at the Guilford Centre last Thursday night? Well, Scotty Morrison, retired referee in chief of the NHL, was the featured speaker. Twenty-nine men joined the ladies to hear him speak of his career and his experiences in it. His talk was much appreciated by his attentive audience.

The evening, as usual, started off with food, this time with pie and ice cream, and the event proper began with a skit by Ron and Elaine Mahler, followed by their music, Elaine singing to the accompaniment of her husband on the guitar.

The Reverend Daniel Smith, the new minister at the Gospel Lighthouse church in Haliburton, then spoke to the spiritual aspect of the gathering.

Overall, Valentine's Day was well celebrated well with red hearts tastefully displayed at the hands of Shirley Gojdas. All eighty-five enjoyed the fellowship so much, and thanks go to everyone who helped with its organization.

Good wishes for healthy recovery to Rosemary Chapman who had the misfortune to fall on ice and break her wrist.

Jim Milne has just returned from a trip to Fort Francis where he stayed with his grandsons, Adam and Arthur, while their parents were attending professional concerns. Ilka Milne (Susan) is completing her training for high school teaching of biology and mathematics at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Her husband, Henry van Ael, was in conference for the week in Toronto in reference to his work as building inspector.

Margaret Milne had visited earlier, January 9-17, travelling by bus which was detoured at Point au Baril by flooding.

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A Joyful Sound

Local music lovers who have delighted at past performances by the Highlands Male Chorus had double the reason to enjoy Sunday afternoon's concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion. It was in essence a highlight concert, with the singers performing many of the songs which had earned the audience's applause at previous concerts. The chorus always welcomes new members. For more information, please contact Ron Clark at (705) 286-3248, email ron.clark@sympatico.ca, or visit the chorus' website at http://www.hmch.ca.

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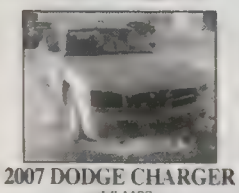

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Harcourt family loses home to devastating fire

Owners of South Algonquin General Store suffer one of three blazes in area

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harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3640

While Mother Nature continues to kick up her heels and dump significant amounts of snow, there is another very frightening act that is occurring in the Harcourt and Wilberforce area.

It was just a little over two months ago that George and Joanne Callfus lost their Harcourt home to fierce flames and again tragedy struck yet another Harcourt family home in the wee hours of Friday, February 8.

Filled with excitement after having picked their son up at the airport, Bob and Lisa Kim pulled into their Harcourt home at approximately 1:40 a.m. As Bob opened the door to their home, he was surprised to find the light switch failed to work. That surprise paled as he heard what appeared to be an explosive type sound followed by the appearance of fierce flames. The oxygen from the opening of the door fueled what had been smoldering into a raging inferno. There was nothing for the family to do but quickly back away from all their worldly goods and go for help.

The volunteer firefighting unit quickly arrived at the scene only to find a very deeply seated fire. Once again the crews fought very hard to contain the fierce flames that threatened to ignite the nearby propane filling centre, gas pumps and Bob and Lisa's South Algonquin General Store. The wet, tired and cold firemen worked diligently through out the morning night to combat the fully engaged blaze. Their strong efforts were not in vain as they were able to contain the fire to the one location. Unfortunately in the early morning light, a blackened shell was all that remained of the home of Bob and Lisa Kim.

Their home has been the home of a number of families since it was first built by G.W. Martin in the late 1950s. Some of families who lived in this home included Dale and Jessie Smith 1970-1976: Betty and Charles Irvine and sons Brett and Chad 1976-1987; William and Dorothy Collier 1987-1989; Don and Ann Meharrie and family 1989-2000; and John Bowers.

Bob and Lisa have been in Harcourt for only a couple of years but have made a very positive impact on the community. Most everyone in Harcourt gets their mail at their General Store and are always met with a friendly smile and courteous service. Their year-round business meets the needs of the local people, cottagers, snowmobilers, hunters and fishermen and in the summer Lisa provides an outstanding array of plants to adorn homes and cottages. We wish Bob and Lisa strength, courage, and positive energy as they rebuild their home together in the Harcourt community.

Strength, courage and positive energy is also extended to Jean and Cathy Carver who lost their workshop at their home on Hadlington Road. Volunteer firefighters were called to this scene of destruction on Friday afternoon and were very fortunate to save the fire from spreading to the Carvers' nearby home.

We also wish Roberta Walsh strength as she copes with the aftermath of the fire that destroyed unit #3 of her establishment the Bostonian Motel. Volunteer firefighters from three separate Highlands East fire stations responded to the alarm that sounded at approximately 4:15 Sunday morning. Some of the firefighters commented that they "had not got the smell out of their nostrils from one fire before they went to the next."

Once again the firefighters worked hard and contained the fire preventing it from spreading to the other three units and the close at hand, Walsh family home. Roberta and her late husband Max Walsh, who passed away in late November, were longtime owners of the Bostonian and in their nearby home is where they raised their daughters Kathy, Rhonda and Julie.

Our local communities owe a great depth of gratitude to the volunteer firefighters who respond at any time during the night and day regardless of what weather Mother Nature is throwing at them. The volunteer members of the fire department are trained for as many potential situations as possible; however, when getting ready to respond to an alarm they have no idea what to expect until they arrive at the scene. The dangers they face are limitless. As in the case of the Kim Family home, they had to work quickly and efficiently with the threat of some very flammable, hazardous materials literally right behind their backs. Fire Chief Bill Wingrove and his stalwart volunteer firefighters have done an absolutely excellent job!

There are so many stories as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some say that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was respected and remembered for refusing to give up Christianity. He died many years ago on February 14; the same day that had been devoted to "love lotteries". Legend also claims that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who was his friend, and signed it, "from your Valentine." There are many other versions of the story, however. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honour St. Valentine. Over the years February 14 became the date for sending Valentine cards and simple gifts such as flowers or chocolates.

There are numerous traditions and customs of St. Valentine's Day that have transcended the years of time since St. Valentine was put to death for refusing to stop marrying couples. He died February 14, 269 A.D. and his memory still lingers on. Everyone likes to be well thought of, appreciated and loved and after all, Valentine Day is about caring so don't forget the red roses, boxes of chocolates and cards for those special people in your life and in the Harcourt area, diners can enjoy a meal at Jan Sorenson's Mumford Station Café in the village of Harcourt or at the Ashdown's Martinwood Resort Restaurant located on Elephant Lake Road. Happy St. Valentine's Day to all!

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

February 13: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

February 14: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only $2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For more information call Mel or Valerie Smith at 448-3640.

April 12: Benefit Dance for George and Jo-Ann. 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is by donation and the music will be provided by Harcourt's local band, The Crosscuts.

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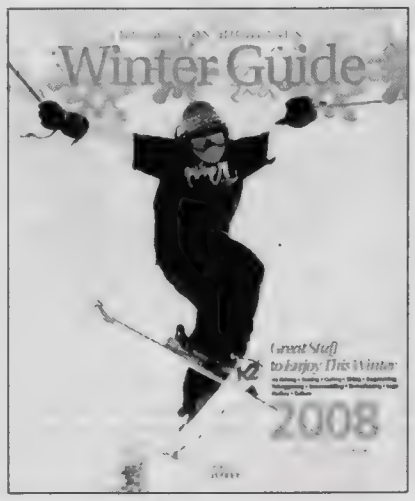

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Curling rink or hockey rink?

The village will be buzzing this coming weekend with both the Don Fevreau Ladies Valentine Bonspiel and the Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament taking place. The bonspiel begins Friday evening and runs all day Saturday.

The hockey tournament can be enjoyed on Saturday and Sunday.

This is Heritage Week with Flag Day on Friday February 15. Though it may seem like yesterday to some of the older folk, it was 43 years ago, in 1965, that Canadians got their maple leaf flag. Our heritage will be celebrated by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild this year with a very time-honoured activity at the Outpost Historic House. Quilters will be busy with their needles and thread on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 2 and 4 p.m. and Thursday morning between 10:30 and 12 noon. Drop in and put in a fewstitches or just to see this year's quilt. There may even be some coffee on.

community news — **wilberforce**

Hilda Clark — 448-2018

This Friday February 15 is a designated school board holiday, we assume because it is Flag Day. Monday the 18 is of course the new Ontario Family Day. So the students at least get a four-day weekend to enjoy some fun in the snow.

The Intergenerational Story Writing project that links Wilberforce School Grade5/6 students with seniors is well underway. Because of earlier weather complications the second and third sessions were combined last Friday. At that time writer Jeralyn Craden led the group in developing stories from the memories of the seniors from "when they were young". Future sessions will deal with polishing the stories, illustrating them and then turn them into pieces that can be presented to others. Should be fun for all as well as great learning times for the youngsters.

What a relaxed sociable time the pancake luncheon at St. Margaret's seemed to be last Tuesday. Well over 75 diners seemed to be having a good time as well as a good meal.

The Loop Troupe has begun working toward a presentation in early May. The call is out for players and others interested in being part of this endeavour by our small theatre group. For information call Gill at 448-1411 or Hilda at 448-2018. Or come out to the Lloyd Watson Centre Wednesday evening at 7 p.m..

Dennis Ott's 2.275 lb. trout a winner

The Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby on February 9 was a great success, with 150 registered fisher persons.

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Mel Smith — 448-3840

The first prize of $600 went to Dennis Ott, with a 2.275 kg trout. Second prize of $400 went to Don Newman, with a 1.570 kg trout. Third prize of $200 was a split prize going to Ashley Tripp and Doug Musclow,

each having a trout that weighed in at 1.425kg, giving each contestant $100. There were also, many prizes at the prize table. Daryl Sisson won the raffle for a $100 gift certificate donated to our derby by the Fish Lunch Box.

On February 10 the Ladies Auxiliary and Legion members put on another great brunch. The event has become a classic every second Sunday of the month.

Valentine's Day is Thursday, February 14. I'm sure of that because it's my wife's birthday. Happy birthday Valerie. Our Valentines Dance is February 16 with DJ Jamie Bacon. Come and join the fun.

Lest We Forget:

Dot Bebbington is recovering in Haliburton Hospital and may be home in a very short time. Get Well Soon from all of us.

Upcoming Events:

There are many great upcoming events. However, just like the weather, the schedule may change and there may be even more things to add to these great things

to do as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy a sports event on the TV.

February 11: Bid Euchre 7:00 p.m

February 12: General Membership Meeting. 7 p.m.

February 13: Open Darts 7:30 p.m.

February 14: Open Euchre 1:00 p.m.

February 15: Open Pool 1:00 p.m.

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Notice of Public Information Session on Preliminary Exploration

Bancroft Uranium Inc. is pleased to announce that a public information session will be held to discuss the preliminary exploration program launched in July 2007 on the Monmouth Project, located in Highlands East (formerly Monmouth Township). The next phase of the preliminary work is scheduled to commence in late February, 2008 and extend for 60 to 90 days. Company personnel will present information on the proposed work and will be available to answer questions.

The proposed work consists of diamond drilling to determine if the prospect has economic viability.

The Public Information Session will be held **Friday, February 15, 2008** at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce **beginning at 6:00 PM** with an Open House followed by a presentation at 7:00 PM with a question and answer period following. The session will end at 9:00 PM.

If you require additional details regarding the project or the information session, please contact:

Mr. Trevor Figueiredo, Senior Vice President
Greenspirit Strategies Ltd.
#305 - 873 Beatty Street
Vancouver, BC V6B2M6
CANADA
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Municipality of Dysart et al

INNOVATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for an EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking volunteers to sit on an Events Committee, which will have the mandate of attracting, coordinating and assisting with new Events in our Municipality.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, clearly marked "Events Committee", outlining your background and availability, on or before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008 to:

Municipality of Dysart et al
PO Box 389
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

TENDER FOR
BURNT RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

CONTRACT NO. 2008-01

SEALED TENDERS on the forms supplied will be received by the Municipality of Dysart et al at the Municipal Administration Office, in the envelopes provided until:

3:00 p.m., Monday March 3, 2008

for the replacement of the Burnt River Bridge on Unicorn Road located approximately 1.0km south of Fallowfield Road, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following: removal of the existing structure, installation of steel piles, sheet piles, abutments, steel girders, concrete deck, steel beam guiderail, etc.

Tender documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer starting Tuesday, February 12, 2008 upon payment of a non-refundable sum of $75.00 (inclusive of G.S.T.).

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Project Manager
G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc.
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Belleville, Ontario K8N 4Z7
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Municipality
Brian Nicholson
Roads Superintendent
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Ave.
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Telephone: (705) 457-1740
Fax: (705) 457-1964

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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

• **Feb 13**: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting Wed. February 13, Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. (Please enter by the rear door.) Doors open at 6pm for business and chat, speaker at 7pm - HHGG Member Sharon Middlehurst on "The History of Quilts". Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.
• **Feb 16**: There will be a "Pampered Chef" Fundraiser at the Coboconk Train Station Sat. Feb. 16/08 at 2:00 p.m. See some great cooking tools and enjoy FREE refreshments! 20% of all sales go towards the ongoing restoration of the Coboconk Train Station. For further information, contact Barb Curry at 454-1878.
• **Feb 21**: Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
• **Feb 21**: Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost $20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
• **Feb 24**: Winter Fun Day at YMCA Camp Wanakita - 2 pm - 5 pm - Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, low ropes, broomball, tobogganing and skating on the Lake Koshlong. All provided free for the community. All you can eat Hot Dogs, Chilli, cookies and hot chocolate available for a nominal fee. For more information please contact: HYPERLINK "mailto:Charlene@hhchamber.on.ca"Charlene@hhchamber.on.ca or 705-286-1760 or 1-877-811-6111
• **Feb 24**, 5:30-9:00 pm. There is a community potluck and games night, all ages, for everyone interested. Please bring your favourite potluck dish and board games. For more information please call Amanda Austin or Max Ward at 286-3592.
• **Feb 27**: "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30 - 1:30, Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served!
This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware)

ONGOING EVENTS

• A pictorial essay of Haliburton County . A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
• Adult Badminton – Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
• Al-Anon Meetings – Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
• Alzheimer's Disease – "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
• Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
• Bridge Youth Centre - Ages 10-14, 3:30-6:00 pm on Fridays. Ages 14-22, 8:00-10:30pm on Fridays. Located at 73 Victoria Street in Haliburton. Please call Jamie, 854-0401 or email jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com"
• Celebrate Recovery Meeting – is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
• Climbing Club – Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 – 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm – 9 pm. Fee: $2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: HYPERLINK "mailto:donna@pointintime.ca"donna@pointintime.ca
• Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre – Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
• Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
• Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults – offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holeness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
• For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
• Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Free lessons for beginners. Membership avail. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.
• Indoor Walking – Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
• Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
• Living with Cancer – A Support Group meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
• Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email haliburtondance@sympatico.ca (in conjunction with macs@work
• Meals On Wheels – by Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals. Call 457-2941.
• North Entrance Lodge – meets the third Wednesday of each month, from now until June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in this great fraternity please call Roger Hillier at 447-2767.
• Ontario Early Years – Parents & children 0-6 years drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. - 12. Call 457-2989.
• Public Skating: Parents & Tots Skating (Free) Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12pm. or, Adults Skate $1.00 (donation) Tuesdays 1pm - 3 pm, FREE Public Skating, most Sundays 11am-1pm (check with the arena to confirm). All held at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden.
• Rails End Gallery – Tea At Three, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
• Rails End Gallery – Members' Open Studio, every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. informal time to paint/draw & commune with fellow artists. Call 457-2330 for cost & info.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Take a toss at Dorset snowball

MELISSA ALFANO

Special to The Echo

The countdown is on! The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival happens this weekend, February 15 and 16, starting on Friday night with the traditional family skating party from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, hot dogs and swishy skating music to glide around the rink by.

The famous, or should we say, infamous adult broomball tournament follows the skating party and starts off at 8 p.m. The games will be 10 to 15 minutes long and each team must have a minimum of six players with at least two girls.

If you register in advance, the cost is $10 per team. If you register on the night, the cost is $20 per team.

Call the Recreation Centre to register at (705) 766-9968 and please remember helmets are required. No helmet, no play.

The fun continues on Saturday with a multitude of great family fun including a pancake breakfast, a parade at 11 a.m., official opening ceremony with Dorset's own Snowball Town Crier, great food, great music, comedy and juggling, wildlife calls, snow shoe races, drumming and rhythm circle, an oxen team, horse drawn wagon rides, snow snake games, 50/50 draw, silent auction, mini snowmobile rides, activities at the outdoor rink and more.

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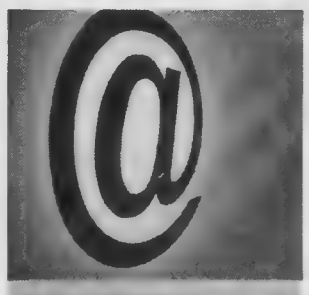

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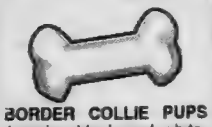

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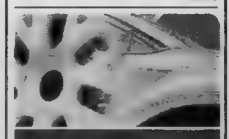

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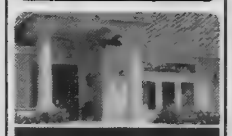

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General Employment A800

Township of Algonquin Highlands

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(3) Student Trail Technicians
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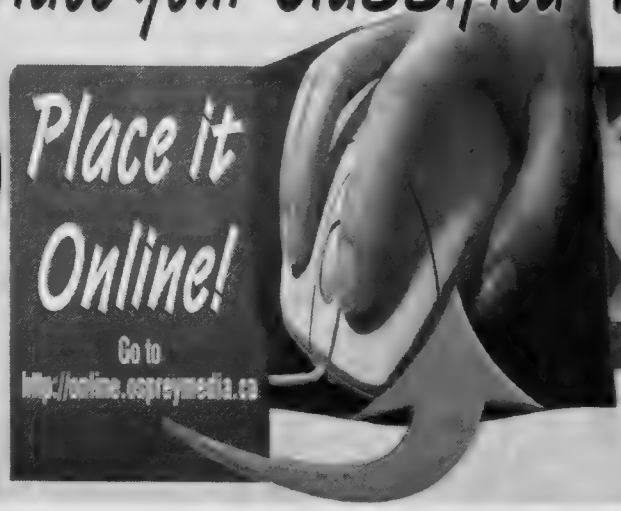

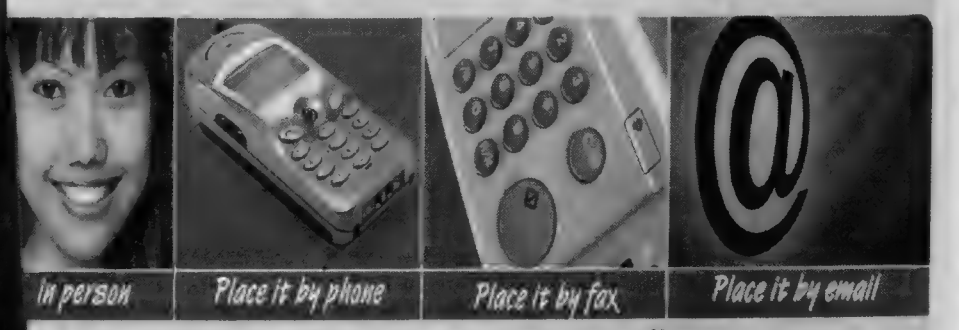

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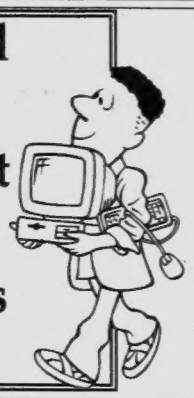

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of HANNAH LOUISA (ANNE) PITMAN, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 25th day of October, 2006, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the personal representative of the estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2008 after which date the said estate will be distributed having regard only to claims of which the Estate Trustee, Lise Ainsley then shall have notice.

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By: Bishop and Rogers
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Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day February, 2008.

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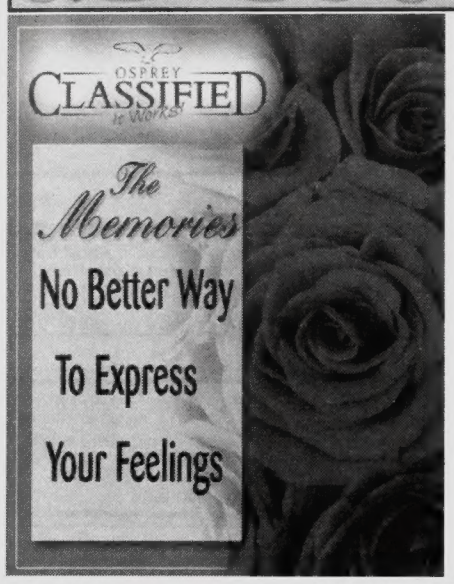

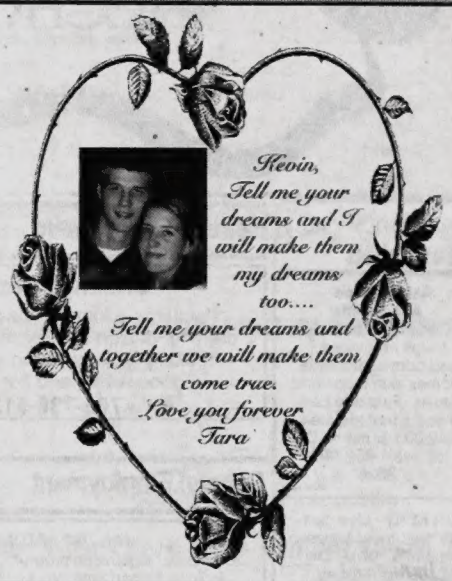

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In memoriam

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10984564

HARTIN, William (Bill) - In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father and Grandfather who passed away Feb. 12, 2004.

When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer up and Carry on".
Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say
" Don't cry, I'm in Gods keeping we'll meet again someday"

-Your loving wife Donna, Children and Grandchildren

10979763

LITTLE, Leonard - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle, Who passed who passed away February 14, 1996.

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-The Family

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We miss you more than anyone knows
The gate of memory will never close.

-Mom Anne and Laurie

10980652

McNeil, Merreit - In loving memory of a dear Dad who passed away 10 years ago today Feb 13, 1998.

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and miss your smile.
I stare at the chair where
you used to sit a while.
My soul is heavy and the tears easily flow.
The heartache I feel no one will ever know.

- Always loved and never forgotten
Your Wife Mary McNeil

10977250

McNEIL, Merreit SR - In loving memory of a dear Dad who went to Heaven on Feb. 13, 1998

We cannot bring the late day's back.
When we were all together.
But loving thoughts and memories will be with me forever.
Always remembered, loved
and missed each and everyday.

- Your daughter Wanda-Lee McNeil

10977265

McNeil, Merreit SR - In loving memory of a dear Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather who went to be with the Lord on February 13, 1998.

God saw you getting tired
and called you home to be by his side,
you good and faithful servant.
Love always

- Greg, Geraldine and Stacey Coumbs, Tim, Crystal and Madison Robinson

10986055

RABY, Iva - In loving memory of a dear Mother and Grandmother who passed away February 15, 1994.

Always in our memory, forever in our hearts.
Loved and remembered always by

- Betty, Larry and Family

10985699

Birthday greetings

Happy 80th Birthday
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(Doreen Cowen)
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February 13

Birthday greetings

A Valentine Message for you Son

Love you for the joy you've brought for the years,
you've filled with fun.
And love you most of all for being such a Special Son.

"In Memory of Kevin Bunn"
July 13, 1975 - Feb. 15, 2002

Happy Valentine's Day Kevin
Love Always Mom & Dad

In memoriam

IN MEMORIAM

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May 27, 1917 - February 15, 2003

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$209,000
Gull River: A short distance up from Gull Lake. A delightful 3 bdrm. cottage, 4 pc. bath, w/o master, Canac kitchen, FP airtight, main floor ldry., new roof, freshly painted, level lot, hard sand w/shallow entry, completely winterized & 2 km to Minden. **Call Fred Chapple**

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$324,000
2 bdrm bungalow on a 3-lake chain. Conveniently located on a year round road less than 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. Bright & cozy with a full unfinished basement. Ski hill & golf minutes away. Well maintained home waiting to be enjoyed!
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$499,000
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Located on a 3 lake chain, over 800' of Canadian Shield frontage and 61 acres of privacy. This magnificent lot has the option of all south or southwest exposure with a "virgin" view of forest and hills across Oblong Lake. The shoreline is a mixture of rock & sand. A fantastic find! **Call Vince Duchene**

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This recently built escape offers 360' of shoreline on Grace River and over 2.5 acres with stream & pond. Enjoy the comfort of pine cathedral ceilings, hrdwd flooring, open concept kitchen/dining area & more. It's only 400' from Grace Lake and is easy access to Wilberforce. **Call Rick & Iona**

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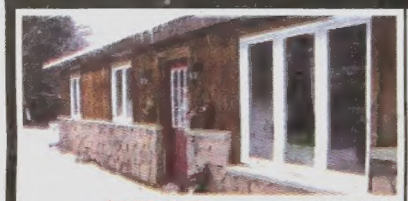

$159,900
Located on a year round township road, this 3 bdrm bungalow sits on 5 acres of land, and boasts a screened in sunroom & great privacy.
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$629,999
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
Stunning cottage or year round home. 3 bdrms, pine cathedral ceilings, hardwood & ceramic floors. Custom designed kitchen with adjoining great room and dining area. Very well maintained. A must see!
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$184,500
ORDE STREET-MINDEN
Superb in town location within walking distance of all amenities. Gull River access only steps away. Solid all brick construction, this 1,180 sq. ft. home feat's: att'd garage, sunrm, lrg backyard, full bsmt, town water & sewers and forced air oil heating. Ideal retirement, starter or rental home! Immediate possession! **Call Bill Kulas**

Minden

Bill Kulas • Ext 44 • 286-2911

Winterized 2 bdrm cottage with big view and access to Green lake directly across the road. Super rental, starter, snowbirds summer getaway. Lovely gently sloping lot w/southern exposure and great view. Features include: 2006 septic, propane stove w/ebb, pine floors, 18'x20' stone patio and lakeside deck. Good fishing and municipal access. Affordable access to waterfront! **Call Debra Lambe.**

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$47,700
PRIME BUILDING LOT
... near Minden and a stone's throw from several fresh lakes. Year round road and a prepared driveway. The lot has been cleared and the building site is prepared. Hydro and Bell to the site. There is a drilled well and a dug well along with an older existing septic on the property. 200' of frontage and just over an acre wth good privacy. **Call Cathy Lancia**

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Cathy Lancia • 754-3358

GULL LAKE
Only 2 hours to Toronto. Enjoy this beautiful newer cottage year round. Easy access and great lake! Call to view. **Call Lynda Litwin**

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Lynda Litwin* • Ext 35 • 286-2911

$195,900
3 BDRM ON OVER 2 ACRES-HALIBURTON
Bright & spacious 3 bdrm home located mins. from Haliburton and tucked in on the most private 2.6 acre lot. Feat's include: a full fin'd bsmt/walkout, a master bdrm suite with a 4 pc. ensuite & sitting rm, living & dining combo, air tight woodstove and covered veranda offer warm and cozy entertaining & lots of room for the kids! **Call Denise LeBlanc**

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Denise LeBlanc • Ext 33 • 286-2911

$339,000
Soyers Lake: Amazing panoramic view. Partially winterized 3 bdrm. cottage with large boathouse, pine Living room, lots of windows over lake, many extras. **Call Richard Moritz**

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$269,900
Nature's paradise. Beautiful hand-crafted log home situated on 14+ acres of land with rolling hills and a mature forest. Located close to 2 lakes for the individual who wants the best of both worlds. Needs to be seen to be appreciated. **Call Erin Nicholls**

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$299,000
DRAG RIVER
Waterfront home nestled on private 2+ acre lot just mins. to Haliburton. 2+1 bdrms, 4 season sunroom, open concept, LR/DR w/FP. Many extras, 12'x36' studio, double car garage. Abutting 8.8 acres also for sale. **Call Karen Nimigon.**

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Karen Nimigon • Ext 224 • 457-1011

$214,000
WALK TO TOWN!
Three bdrm raised bungalow nestled in the town of Haliburton on approx. 2.5 acres! Partially fin'd bsmt with rec rm & woodstove, att'd 1 car garage & sep detached garage/workshop. **Call Marj & John**

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$449,000
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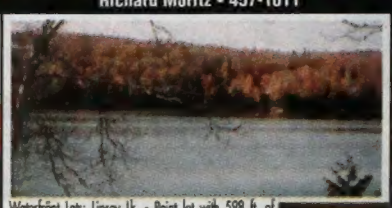

Waterfront Lots: Lipsey Lk. - Point lot with 598 ft. of shoreline & 15 acres, south. exp. & beautiful sunsets, asking $550,000.; Growler Lk. - Level point lot w/212 ft. of shoreline, ready for building, south. exp. yr. rnd. rd, asking $179,000; Gull River - Bldg. lot between Maple & Green Lake on Wondering Lane, 102 ft. x 648 ft. deep, 1.25 acres, asking $89,900. **Call Ted Vasey**

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Ted Vasey • Ext 223 • 457-1011

$179,000
MINDEN
Move in and enjoy this 3 bdrm home, a block from Archie Stouffer School. The house has just undergone extensive renovations including: new kitchen, new bathroom, new windows, new doors, new flooring. The lady of the house will enjoy the sunroom and beautiful lot while the handyman will love the double garage! **Call Melanie Vigrass**

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